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In re the Application of:

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For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA

LETTER

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The instant paper is submitted following the paper filed March 4, 2002, entitled Request for Confirmation of or New Notice to File Missing Parts and Withdrawal of Office Action. As explained below, the paper filed March 4, 2002, was filed in this case by mistake.

In the context of related application no. 08/943,777, filed October 3, 1997, a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed by the PTO on January 4, 2002, followed by a final Office Action, mailed January 8, 2002. The undersigned had intended to file a paper in the PTO, with reference to the related application, requesting clarification of the record, in particular, requesting confirmation that the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 4, 2002, remains in effect; however, due to an inadvertent clerical error, the paper was filed in the PTO with reference to the instant application,

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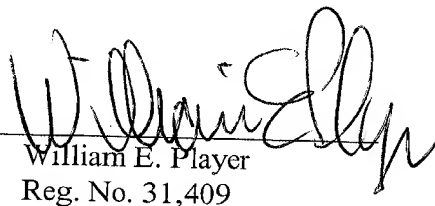
which is the paper filed March 4, 2002, in the PTO, mentioned above.

The error by the undersigned, and any resulting inconvenience caused the PTO, is sincerely regretted.

Respectfully requested,

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